

Region V Systems

Promoting Comprehensive Partnerships in Behavioral Health

Region V Level of Care Meeting

August 20, 2018

1:30 p.m.

1645 'N' Street

Lincoln, NE

Present: Greg Bernt, Blue Valley Behavioral Health; Dina Critel-Rathje, Julie Fisher-Erickson, Lutheran Family Services; Jacob Grell, Shala Hartmann, Stephanie McLeese, CenterPointe; Tim Kennett, Lincoln Police Department; Katie Kimmerling, The Bridge; Don Nevins, Parole; Amy Rezny, Lincoln Correctional Center; Barbara Straus, Aging Partners; Kristin Nelson, Bridget Thompson, Lee Heflebower and Kim Whaley, Region V Systems

1. Welcome, Introductions, Announcements, Additions to the Agenda

- Introductions were made.
- Nelson reported she just returned from a training in California on Threat Assessments.
- The ATAP (Association of Threat Assessment Professionals) will host the 2018 Great Plains Threat Assessment Training, Emerging Challenges in Threat Assessment, October 18 and 19 in Omaha, NE at the Embassy Suites. Cost for non-members is \$275 and cost for ATAP Members and Law Enforcement is \$200.
- Electronic flex funds are looking to be launched in October. It was announced at the Provider Meeting to continue to use the paper forms through September.
- There is no funding for the persons receiving Medicaid who need flex fund items. Most consumers are going without medical medications because there are no other resources available to them. Some agencies are just eating the expense for these medications. There are no resources for those on Medicaid who need a deposit, rent, or bus tickets via flex funds. These are being managed on a case by case basis through the case manager.

2. System Issues:

- The crisis center was full 5 days this month.
- Nelson reported that four people were moved to Lincoln Regional Center this month.
- Providers reported there is no funding for the persons receiving Medicaid. Most are going without medical medications because there are no other resources available. Some agencies are just eating the expense for these medications. For those on Medicaid there are no funds available for rent, deposits or bus tickets via flex funds. These are being managed on a case by case basis through the case manager.

3. Specific Case Discussion:

- A case discussion ensued as well as an update from a case presented in June.
- Nelson reported that the Emergency System of Care identified 12 people who are, for lack of a better word, high utilizers of the system. The team is trying to determine what can be done to better serve these consumers or decrease the use of the emergency care system.

4. Updates:

- Wait list for various agencies were reviewed discussed.
- Centerpointe has gone to four days a week for med management.
- Centerpointe and Lutheran Family Services have gone to Open Access for initial appointments as the agencies are trying to cut down on no-show appointments.

- LPD reported things have been busy. Nate Hill has been hired as a Threat Assessment Officer and seven new Resource Officers have been hired for Lincoln Public Schools.
- The Bridge: It has received, in writing, from state that it will again be licensed from the State of Nebraska. They are now in-network for BC/BS. Civil Protective Custody is not accredited, and they will not be pursuing that in the future. Friday night it had 30 admissions.
- Nevins reported that Parole is hoping to hire three new officers. Current client caseloads are about 40 but new officers are started with about 25.
- Nelson reported they are in the process of cleaning up the commitment list for Lancaster County.

5. **Bed / Capacity Availability Update:**

- Agencies presented reviewed their bed and capacity availability.

6. **Other Business:**

- None

7. **Next Meeting**

- The next meeting date is **September 17, 2018**, 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.